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## **RESOLUTION NO. 4**

### **MINING LAWS**

Whereas, there is general recognition by conservationists that present mining laws need revision to prevent exploitation of natural resources, and recently proposed legislation would correct these abuses without detriment to legitimate mining, which is of major importance.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby go on record as endorsing principles of the Regan Bill, H. R. 334, of our past Congress, provided that the original language of the bill be restored, as introduced in the House during the 83rd Congress, which would make the mining on National Forest lands of deposits of sand, stone, gravel, pumice, pumicite and cinders subject to a regulated leasing system rather than subject to mining claims and patents, and be it further resolved that the association strongly urges the enactment into law of a bill which would prevent the acquisition, under mining claims and patents, of valuable stands of timber and other resources, and at the same time recognize and provide for the miners' actual needs in the development of claims.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 5**

### **FOREST SERVICE LANDS**

Whereas, there has been before the Congress of the United States for several years a bill which would make available for the development, maintenance and operation of recreational public use facilities, 10% of National Forest income on Forest Service lands, previously referred to as the "Baker Bill" and this association has continuously encouraged its passage, and the matter has been referred to the U. S. Forest Service for study and report to the Congress,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual convention assembled at Seattle, Washington, this 17th day of September, 1954, that the U. S. Forest Service again be urged to complete and file a report favoring such use of forest service lands prior to assembly of the 84th Congress.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 6**

### **FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE SURVEY**

Whereas, during the past year, at the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, a survey has been made of the Fish and Wildlife Service leading to its reorganization, and the survey report contains many fine recommendations which, if put into effect, should greatly strengthen the service's administration, its fundamental research program, its public relations and educational efforts, and its regional functions which are so important to the states, it being understood that the cooperative research program be carried out without substantial change,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this association compliment the Secretary of the Interior and his Survey Committee for their sound approach to the re-organization of the service, and urge that their basic recommendations be carried out as expeditiously as possible.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 7**

### **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ON FEDERAL REFUGES**

Whereas, the upland game birds and big game animals now located on federal refuges and other federal lands belong to the states and the establishment of refuges for the protection of certain species prevents the harvest of other species for which such protection is not required, and it is the opinion of the International Association of Fish, Game and Conservation Commissioners that such species, through lack of harvest, often over utilize their range, and it now appears that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has given serious consideration to proper management of areas it administers from the standpoint of an allowable harvest,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual convention assembled at Seattle, Washington, this 17th day of September, 1954, that the Fish and Wildlife Service be commended for its present attitude with reference to proper management of wildlife on these lands, and further be it resolved that the International Association of Fish, Game and Conservation Commissioners does hereby request the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to continue studies in cooperation with the states, looking toward development of harvest plans for this refuge system where such programs are not now in operation and that any and all governmental agencies owning lands where hunting and fishing is permitted consult with the appropriate state agency in promulgating management plans (including stocking) and regula-